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FRIEND-SHIP

Improving students' social participation in primary and secondary schools across Europe

Friendship is one of the most important features of social participation in a student's life. However, it shows that for many students their embedding in the class community is inadequate in terms of friendships, acceptance by their classmates, and the associated self-perception. Hence, the FRIEND-SHIP project (2019-2021) wants to promote social participation and inclusive education through a fully researcher-supervised intervention programme – a low-threshold programme with educators and students.



The FRIEND-SHIP project started in September 2019 with a comparative desk research on already conducted programmes of social participation in schools. The purpose was to identify success factors for students' social participation. Furthermore, concise information on 17 different intervention programmes along with conducted evaluations are discussed with regard to the key success factors of these school-based programmes.

Read our report on our website to get detailed information on the intervention programme 'Circle of Friends' and the results of eleven evaluation studies on its impact. Further sixteen different school intervention programmes concerning different aspects of children's social participation in inclusive education, such as promoting friendships, enhancing positive relations between students, evolving pleasant classroom climate, strengthening social skills and behaviors, or developing positive attitudes towards peers with special educational needs, have been reviewed. We aimed to create a basis to recount details of different programmes on inclusion and social participation, which could help to create a new intervention programme by drawing on past evaluations and experiences and adding the current state of the art to ensure a new high-quality intervention for students and teachers.



- Coming up!**
- We are working on an open resource Online Tool to identify classroom networks. You can find the final tool on our website in July 2020 and use it for free.
 - We are planning four Teacher Trainings in autumn 2020 in Paderborn, Porto, Volos and Vienna. Are you interested? Get in touch with us!

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